

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 30, 2006, set forth a restriction requirement alleging that Group I, claims 1-17, were drawn to an electret comprising a first polymer copolymerizing from monomers, while Group II, claims 18-52, were drawn to an electret composite. Applicants hereby elect claim Group II, claims 18-52, for continued prosecution, without traverse. Applicants have, therefore, canceled claims 1-17, without prejudice or disclaimer. Indeed, Applicants may pursue claim Group I in a divisional application.

In addition, the Office Action set forth an election of species requirement for the invention of claims 18-52, alleging that claim groups 18-38 and 39-52 were directed to patently distinct species. Applicant hereby provisionally elects species II (claims 39-52). The Office Action acknowledged that claims 18-38 and 39-52 are generic.

All remaining claims 18-52 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass those claims to issuance. If the Examiner believes a teleconference will expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 770-933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted ,

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